

Public Meeting on New Chemicals Review Program Implementation  
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**<<At 9:00 am Eastern Time, show Slide 1 – Title page of Presentation,  
and Media Platform will start the broadcast>>**

[Nancy and Jeff are on the stage with Alice].

**Abt:** Good morning everyone. Welcome to today's meeting!

My name is Alice Tome, I work for Abt Associates, a contractor to EPA, and I will be moderating today's meeting. The purpose of today's meeting is to update and engage with the public on the Agency's progress in implementing changes to the New Chemicals Review Program as a result of the 2016 amendments to TSCA. The Agency appreciates your participation in today's meeting. We have structured the meeting to allow for an interactive exchange of ideas on ways EPA's new chemicals program can effectively and efficiently implement the Lautenberg Act requirements. Written comments are also being accepted. Thank you all for joining us.

We'll start today's meeting by going over a few housekeeping items. Next, EPA presenters and panels will discuss different aspects of the New Chemicals Review Program.

### **Housekeeping items**

The nearest bathrooms are out the door, to the left, and through the double-glass doors. For coffee and food, there's a food court if you turn left

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out the door, proceed through the double-glass doors, go down the escalator, and take a right. You'll see signs for the food court.

EPA hopes and expects that participants will be courteous and respectful in posing their questions and in spoken remarks, and we look forward to a productive meeting. I will now turn the meeting over to Dr. Nancy Beck for opening remarks.

**<<9:00 Nancy Beck Welcome>>**

Thank you, Dr. Beck. Now Dr. Jeff Morris will discuss EPA's New Chemicals Decision-Making Framework and TSCA Orders and SNURs in the Context of New Chemicals Review.

**<<9:15 Jeff Morris presents slides>>**

Thank you, Dr. Morris. Now, before opening the room to questions, I'll briefly explain the process for questions and comments.

- In a moment, we will allow time for questions on the Framework just discussed. To the extent we can answer the questions readily and as time allows, the Agency will try to do so.
- It may be that some questions will require EPA to go back and consult with its technical experts or with its legal team, or require policy decisions. In those cases where questions are broadly applicable, but will take longer to address, we will try to provide answers to the docket.

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- There is time reserved this morning at 11:00 am and in the afternoon, starting at 2:15 pm, for questions that were submitted in advance of the meeting. If you have submitted a question in advance, please know that EPA will make every effort to address it this during one of these times.
- There is also time reserved this morning at 11:30 am and in the afternoon, at 3:15 pm, for public comment.
- For those in the room that have questions on the presentation we just heard, please line up at the microphones. Please state your name and affiliation before asking your question.
- If there is anyone participating via webinar who would like to ask a question, please call in to the phone number on the slide. Please press \*1 to indicate that you have a question. The queue will be managed by the operator, and when it is your turn, your phone line will open up and you will be able to ask your question. Please also state your name and affiliation before asking your question.
  - Before you begin to speak, please mute your computer speakers or press the speaker icon under the EPA logo on the webcast interface instead. When the speaker button turns red you have muted your computer's audio.
  - If you are experiencing any technical difficulties click on the "help" tab and explain your issue. A member of our tech team will assist you.

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Are there any questions? (Any questions from webinar participants?)

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**<<9:45 Questions on the Decision Framework >**

Okay, now Dr. David Tobias of OPPT's Risk Assessment Division in will provide an introduction to draft EPA's Points to Consider Document.

**<<10:00 Points to Consider: Introduction>>**

Thank you, Dr. Tobias. Now we will have a 10 minute break. Please return to the room at 10:30.

**<<10:20 am Break (10 mins) >>**

**<<10:30 am: Pilot Panel>>**

Hi everyone, EPA has assembled a panel of representatives to discuss their company's recent experience with piloting use of the draft Points to Consider document. I'd like to introduce:

- The panel moderator, *Greg Schweer, Chief of EPA's New Chemicals Management Branch in OPPT's Chemical Control Division*
- *Dr. Tobias*
- *Michael Walls, Vice President of Regulatory and Technical Affairs, American Chemistry Council*
- *Additional industry panelists (drawing from pilot participating companies)*

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- a. Marina Filler, BASF Corporation
- b. Michael Hayes, Proctor & Gamble
- c. TBD, Dow Corning

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**<<11:00 Discuss Questions on the Points to Consider Document and Pilot>>**

Okay, next, we will move on to public comments.

- If you would like to make an oral comment, we will start with the attendees that are here in person. For those in the room that have registered to provide comments, please line up at the microphones. To accommodate as many registered speakers as possible, speakers may present oral comments only, without visual aids or written material.
- I will keep track of time and will give speakers a one-minute warning. After [2-5] minutes are up, we will move to the next speaker to allow time for as many commenters as possible.
- We have reserved an hour for oral comments from participants in the room who registered to speak. Later, at 3:15 pm, we will take oral comments from remote participants who registered to speak. The queue will be managed by the operator. You will need to use a phone to call-in and provide your oral comment. Once you call into the phone line, please mute your computer speakers.

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All information obtained during the meeting will be considered in the Agency's continued implementation of TSCA. If you provide an oral comment during today's meeting, you do not have to submit the same comment in writing in order for it to be considered.

The views of those making an oral comment and their organizations are their own and do not necessarily reflect those of EPA. Mention of commercial enterprises, products, or publications does not mean that EPA endorses them.

Following the meeting, EPA will make a transcript and a copy of the slide presentations used today available in the docket.

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Thank you. It is time to break for lunch. We will reconvene at 1:30 pm.

**<<12:30 BREAK FOR LUNCH (1 hour)>>**

Welcome back, Abt introduces next speaker. Maria, Tala, Tanya and Jeff are on the stage.

**<<1:30 Decision Guidelines Manual>>**

Next, Dr. Maria Doa, Director of the Chemical Control Division in the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics will discuss EPA's development of a decisions guidelines manual.

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**<<1:45 Chemical Categories>>**

Thank you, Dr. Doa. Next, Dr. Tala Henry, Director of EPA's Risk Assessment Division in the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics will discuss OPPT's use of Chemical Categories in risk assessment. Dr. Henry will also discuss EPA's Sustainable Futures program.

**<<2:05 Sustainable Futures>>**

Next, OPPT's Acting Deputy Director of Programs, Tanya Mottley, will discuss questions submitted in advance of this meeting.

**<<2:15 Discuss Questions Submitted in Advance>>**

Okay, thank you, EPA. Now we will have a 15 minute break. We will reconvene at 3:15 pm and hear comments from remote participants.

**<<3:00 Break (15 mins)>>**

Welcome back, we will now accept additional public comment.

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**<<3:15 Public Comment>>**

**<<Advance to "To Make a Written Comment" slide >>**

To Make a Written Comment:

- You can also submit a written comment through regulations.gov, mail your comment or submit a written comment via hand delivery. Remember, when submitting a written comment, please make sure to reference the correct Docket ID No. The Docket ID number is provided on the slide. The docket is open until January 20, 2018.

**ENDING AT 4:45PM**

**[Jeff Morris from EPA will do a wrap-up]**

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At this time, I'd like to conclude today's public meeting. Thank you to everyone who joined us and provided their oral comment. Remember, if you would like to provide a comment, you can submit a written comment to the Docket. That ends our meeting for today. Thank you again for joining us.]

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